REMARKS:

As a result of above claim amendments, claims 18-24 will remain pending in the present application.

In the first Office Action, claims 1-17 were rejected. Applicants have cancelled those claims without prejudice to pursuing those claims in a continuing application. Claims 18-24 are directed to other embodiments of the inventive processes and apparatus described in the present specification.

Please charge any fees incurred in connection with the submission of the Amendment In Response To First Office Action to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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